



SIGNS BARGAINING BILL: Senator Charles Zollar of Benton Harbor (left) was on hand in Governor William Milliken's office as chief executive signs Zollar's agricultural price bargaining bill into law Tuesday in the capitol. Mrs. Rebecca Tompkins of Traverse City, chairman of State Agriculture commission, is at right. Others were not identified.

Ag Product Pricing Bill Becomes Law

Farmers Are Eager To Use Legislation Authored By Senator Zollar

BY JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

LANSING — Governor William Milliken signed into law Tuesday the state agricultural marketing act that was sponsored and shepherded through the legislature by State Senator Charles Zollar of Benton Harbor.

And there were immediate

indications attempts will be made to form price bargaining associations for several fruit and vegetable crops this season under the terms of the new legislation.

Pioneering legislation on the American agricultural marketing scene, it will require good faith price bargaining between producers and handlers of a given fruit or vegetable crop. More than 50 per cent of the producers, or growers, representing more than 50 per cent of a crop must first form into a bargaining association and win state agriculture department accreditation as the bargaining agent. The association must bargain individually with each processor, to avoid federal anti-trust act involvement, according to Zollar.

If the producers' association and processors fail to reach agreement on price 30 days before harvest starts, the law requires binding arbitration to arrive at a price.

The arbitration method has one extremely unique feature. It requires that a three-member arbitration panel shall decide the price for the crop by picking only the last asking price of the producers' association or the last offer of the handler.

"This will force each side to make its very best offer before letting it go to arbitration," Zollar explained.

Senator Zollar said as far as he is aware the two-choice limit on the award the arbitrators may make is brand new in the arbitration field. He said he lifted the idea from a proposal made on one occasion by U.S. Senator Robert Griffin of Michigan.

Representatives of asparagus, cherry and apple producing groups were on hand yesterday when Governor Milliken signed the bill. Zollar said they indicated to him they



RECOVERED BANK MONEY: Approximately \$38,400 of the \$38,700 stolen Oct. 12 from a west side branch of the First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan, Niles, was returned to a safety deposit box at the bank's main office yesterday. The money and a gun, believed used in the robbery and related killing of State Policeman Steven DeVries, were recovered Monday in Bertrand township, south of Niles. Transferring bags containing money are Det. Sgt. Wayne Long, left, and Lt. Marvin Teshka, commander of the Niles state police post. A Detroit man, Kenneth Eugene Oliver, is awaiting trial on charges stemming from robbery and shooting. (Staff photo)

Guilty Of Murder In Second Degree



JOHN EDGAR BLANK III
Slaying Victim

New Buffalo Slaying Verdict Returned

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Berrien circuit court jurors early Friday evening convicted a 23-year-old rural LaPorte, Ind., man on a charge of second-degree murder in the slaying last year of the son of a prominent northern Indiana builder outside a New Buffalo bar.

An eight-woman, four-man jury deliberated an hour and 39 minutes in Judge William S. White's court to end a four-day trial for Robert W. Hall. The jury found him guilty of fatally

wounding John Edgar Blank, III, 18, with a knife May 21 outside Casey's bar in New Buffalo.

Judge White revoked Hall's \$10,000 bond because of the gravity of the offense and ordered him held pending sentence of up to life in prison. The jury verdict was met by anguished cries by members of Hall's family in the spectator gallery of Judge White's court.

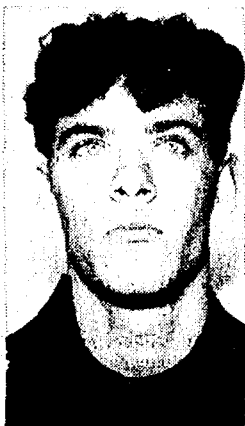
"Oh, my God, no!" cried Roxann Edwards Hall, 20, Hall's bride of eight days.

Trial opened last Wednesday and included testimony, some of it inconsistent, that Hall and Blank had a confrontation in Casey's bar. Prosecution witnesses testified that Hall threatened Blank with a broken beer bottle outside the bar, went to a nearby home and asked for a knife, returned and fought with Blank. One witness testified seeing Hall with a "long shiny object" that could have been a knife just before the fight broke up.

Blank was mortally wounded by a deep stab wound in the chest of the type made by a knife, according to testimony.

Hall did not testify and no defense witnesses were called, though Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor put four witnesses on the stand Tuesday at the request of defense counsel, St. Joseph Atty. Donald Bleich.

Jurors were faced with four possible verdicts: Guilty to second-degree murder manslaughter; assault with a



ROBERT W. HALL
Found Guilty

dangerous weapon, or not guilty.

Atty. Bleich asked jurors to find Hall guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon—a broken beer bottle—as "the only offense proven beyond a reasonable doubt." He attacked the credibility of some prosecution witnesses, charged some lying occurred under

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Migrating Robins Get Juiced Up

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The swallows return to Capistrano on March 19, the buzzards fly to Hinckley, Ohio, March 15 and the robins head for St. Petersburg when the berry bushes ferment.

They are flocking to this west coast city to nip the juicy scarlet berries of the Florida holly bush.

The warm January sun beating down on the Brazilian pepper bush ferments the ripe berries.

The robins gorge themselves, then fly blind, wobbling on branches, staggering, doing ground loops.

Audubon Society leader Mrs. H. R. Mills says the redbreasted birds first appeared last year and seem to have added St. Petersburg to their migratory flight plan.

Mrs. Mills says the birds will begin working their way north in about a month or so.

The first stop: nearby Plant City's strawberry fields.

Superintendent Fears Teachers Hurting Blacks

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — Test results indicate racist Kalamazoo teachers may be turning black students with above average academic skills into subaverage high school graduates, the system's superintendent charges.

William D. Coats said recent standardized achievement and reading tests show black first graders here rank slightly above the national average for all first graders. But black 12th graders score more than three grade levels below the national norm, he said.

Meanwhile, white students enter Kalamazoo schools with test results one-half grade above average and stay close to the national average in all

grades, Coats said.

The superintendent said the test results disprove the theory that black students do badly in school because of inferior academic preparation.

"We can't use that excuse any more," he said.

The decline among black students "constitutes the most shocking and relevant piece of statistical information I've seen anywhere," Coats said.

If he were a black man, Coats said he "would be furious over what happens to black students in the Kalamazoo public schools." Some are graduating without being able to read, he added.

Coats held a special meeting of all 900 teachers in the school system Monday and criticized what he said was apparent widespread discrimination against black students by their teachers.

Different teacher expectations based on color might be one of the possible explanations for the poor showing by older black students in the standardized tests given in October, he said.

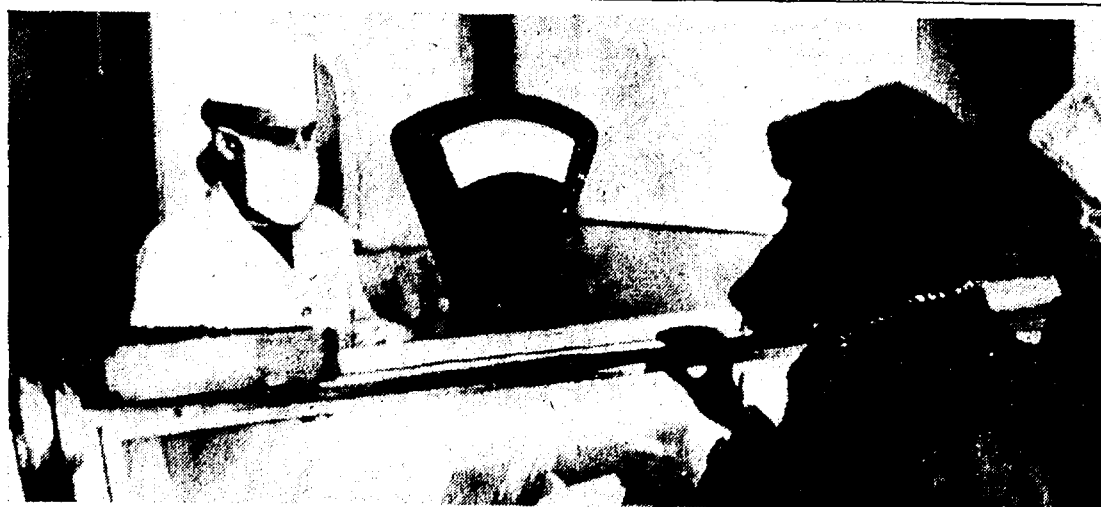
"If you place lower demands on a student you are doing that student a disservice," Coats told the teachers.

Kalamazoo schools are in the second year of a court-ordered integration plan. Some 20 per cent of the 15,500 students in the system are black.

What's New I Closed Jan. 14-19.

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PROTECTION AGAINST FLU: A salesgirl in a Moscow market wears a gauze face mask, one of many distributed to sales personnel in the Soviet capital's food stores as a precaution against an outbreak of

London flu. The malady has gripped Moscow, with more than 70,000 citizens a day catching it. The man at right is wearing a fur hat with the ear flaps down. (AP Wirephoto)

Big Lake Will Slosh To New Record

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) — Great Lakes water levels will surpass modern height records by next May, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers predicted Tuesday.

Lakes Michigan and Huron will be one foot higher, Lake Erie will be one-half foot higher and Lake St. Clair will be nine inches higher this spring than

they were last year, according to a study just completed by the U.S. Lakes Survey Center.

The lakes were higher last year than in any year since 1952, the modern year of record that produced excessive flooding and erosion.

Col. Myron Snoko, the Corps' district engineer, making the disclosure at a meeting of concerned shoreline property owners and public officials, could offer little encouragement.

High water flooding triggered by a late November storm did damage estimated by officials in the millions of dollars. The Corps has announced plans to erect temporary gravel walls along shorelines most likely to be hit

again by more flooding.

"Nature has done it to us," Col. Snoko said. "And for every foot we lower Lakes Michigan and Huron (artificially), we raise Lake Superior by one foot and a third."

Col. Snoko invited the shoreline residents to attend hearings around the state this week to map strategy for limited,

temporary flood prevention measures authorized by Congress.

Some attending Tuesday's meeting has apparently hoped for more relief.

"I'd like to see a commitment of some sort," said Joseph Snyder, who represented a Harrison Township homeowners group.

"Sure, people should help themselves, but if we're a federal disaster area, we should have some federal subsidy."

Several counties hit by the earlier flooding have been declared both state and federal disaster areas, clearing the way for low-interest government loans.

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Editorial Page

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Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorRozelle Breathes Easier
About Super Bowl VII

Pete Rozelle, commissioner of the National Football League, is breathing easier now. All 90,182 tickets to next Sunday's NFL championship game between Washington and Miami, Super Bowl VII, were sold out within 10 days of the contest. Thus, Rozelle was able to fulfill his October 1972 pledge to lift the customary local television blackout of the game. By doing so the commissioner presumably blunted efforts in Congress and elsewhere to bar local TV blackouts during the regular NFL season.

A number of congressmen, it is said, want to do away with blackouts because they are fans of the Washington Redskins and are unable to obtain tickets to home games. Rozelle and the Redskins must be wondering where these Capitol Hill fans were during all the years when the Skins were posting dreary 6-8 win-loss records.

Pro sports officials insist that unlimited local telecasting of home games would be suicidal, and they probably are right. Boxing, for instance, was once the premier sport on television. In 1948, NBC telecast fights on Mondays and Fridays, the old DuMont network on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and CBS on Wednesdays.

Boxing maintained its hold on the viewing public until the 1960-61 television season, when the NBC Friday night fight was switched to Saturday night on ABC. The change in days proved disastrous, one critic said, because "Friday at 10 had become accepted as the man's hour in front of the TV set," while Saturday "belonged to the ladies." Furthermore, the steady diet of free bouts on television caused attendance at local boxing-club fights to dwindle.

Like the boxing clubs, baseball's minor leagues have suffered from nationwide telecasts of major league games. In both

cases fans preferred watching a free contest to paying to see a less skillful one in person. The net result was that the "farm systems" of both sports withered, thus weakening the caliber of talent making it to the top.

Football, on the other hand, has managed to make television the servant rather than the master of the sport. The cardinal element of football's TV policy is the ban on telecasting of local games within a 75-mile radius of the home team's stadium. The National Collegiate Athletic Association originated the local blackout, which was later adopted by the professional football leagues.

It was challenged at the outset. When the NFL sought in 1953 to impose TV blackouts in cities where games were being played, the federal government filed suit charging antitrust law violation. However, a federal district court judge ruled in favor of the NFL on Nov. 12, 1953, and the blackout policy has remained in force ever since.

Possibly, though, the debate is fast approaching the academic stage. Numerous Redskin fans were able to watch both playoff games, as well as certain regular-season home games, on a Baltimore TV channel. The Marriott Motel in Miami, only two miles from the Orange Bowl, was able to offer TV coverage of the Dolphins' home playoff game because it is equipped with an antenna powerful enough to import the signal of a station in Fort Myers, 149 miles away.

And so pro football teams are not the only parties with a vested interest in the TV blackout policy. Strategically situated hotels, motels and bars do, too. Together they could form an odd but powerful lobby.

Removing The Dilemma
That Faces Rape Victims

It is hard to tell whether the crime of rape is on the increase or whether women are more inclined to report the offense than in the past. Certainly the subject is being discussed openly as never before. Now the National Public Radio plans to put on a series of five broadcasts during the week of Jan. 15-19 in which it will explore the topic from the viewpoint of psychologists, lawyers, police, rapists and rape victims.

Not too long ago even the word "rape" was taboo in the public press. When it was necessary on rare occasions to mention the crime, the family newspaper referred to it as "criminal assault." The women's liberation movement has done a lot to bring certain aspects of the rape problem out of the dark closet. Women were once ashamed to confess that they had been raped, and with good reason. Society tended to view the victim of rape as a "ruined woman." Her chances of a good marriage were sharply diminished. Today's liberated woman is not ashamed of being raped. But she is very angry at the way society deals with this crime. To put it bluntly, she thinks a male-dominated society, especially as represented by the police and the courts, doesn't treat the crime as serious as it should.

A certain skeptical attitude toward the woman who claims she was raped does in fact run through much of the serious literature and the casual commentary on this crime. Women's liberation leaders think this reflects a prevailing masculine

attitude of suspicion toward women. They think many men tend to be over-tolerant of an excessive degree of male sexual aggression. Such men believe a woman's "no" often means "yes." They have little sympathy for the woman who "leads them on." Women have too often heard the comment of a male that "she (the rape victim) was asking for it."

In any case, a very real dilemma faces the woman subjected to a rape attack. A recent case in Washington, D. C., illustrates this. A man accused of raping two university students was acquitted because the jurors felt the girls had not struggled enough. (After the acquittal the judge told the jury the accused had confessed the crime but the confession had not been admissible as evidence.) Police advise women not to resist a rapist if they don't want to be beaten up. This leaves the woman with a poor choice: Either she submits and is considered a willing partner in the act. Or she demonstrates her innocence by resisting and winds up in the hospital—or the morgue.

Checking The
Ampersand

Twenty-one aluminum letters were stolen from a business sign in a big city, and when the police solved the crime all the letters except one were recovered. Only the "&" in the name of the concern is missing.

Leaving to the three-member firm to decide whether to invest in another ampersand or to reorganize and save the expense, it is interesting to do a bit of ampersand checking.

Webster parenthetically labels the ampersand a corruption of "and per se and." The Encyclopedia Britannica first says the symbol & is devised from a combination of the two letters of the Latin word "et" (and).

It also defines it as a mixed English and Latin phrase "and per se and" of which dialect forms are "ampussand" and "ampersand."

Presumably, then, one might correctly read the name of a widely known concern as Sears Roebuck and per se and Company.

LEGACY



GLANCING BACKWARDS

INTENSE SNOWSTORM
BURIES NEW BUFFALO

— 1 Year Ago —
An intense and localized snowstorm left the New Buffalo area in the extreme southwestern part of Berrien county struggling under 12 to 14 inches of snow this morning.

But all other parts of southwestern Michigan reported only light new snow of one to three inches. New Buffalo state police said the snow started falling there yesterday morning and continued to swirl down all night and into this morning.

BOARD ASKS EXTENSION
OF SPECIAL LEVY
— 10 Years Ago —
Voters in the Lakeshore school district will ballot on an \$850,000 bond issue for the

construction of a new junior high school on Feb. 18, it was decided last night.

Part of the funds will also be used for remodeling the present junior high school in Stevensville and the Baroda elementary school.

JAPS PAYING
HEAVY PRICE
— 23 Years Ago —
The Japanese are paying an increasingly heavy price to fight off thrusts at their hemmed-in bases in the southwest Pacific while American troops are building up invasion-won wedges in the enemy's own defense system.

Allied planes, striking in the New Guinea-New Britain-New Ireland sector, bombed key enemy points, damaged four warships and destroyed at least

33 Nipponese planes.

HOUSES FOR BIRDS

— 39 Years Ago —
The sponsors of the Community Garden in Lake Front park at the foot of Pearl street are planning to put up dozens of bird houses there this spring, and are offering a \$5 prize for the best appearing practical bird house.

QUIET PLACE

— 49 Years Ago —
St. Joseph was quite an orderly place during December. Only five arrests were made, and all those were for drunkenness.

NEW SOLOIST

— 59 Years Ago —
Fred H. Schlut, who has been a member of one of the best known quartets of the twin cities, has taken a position as tenor soloist at the Caldwell. Tonight he will make his debut, singing "Where Did You Get That Girl" and "He'll Have to Get Under, Get Out and Get Under."

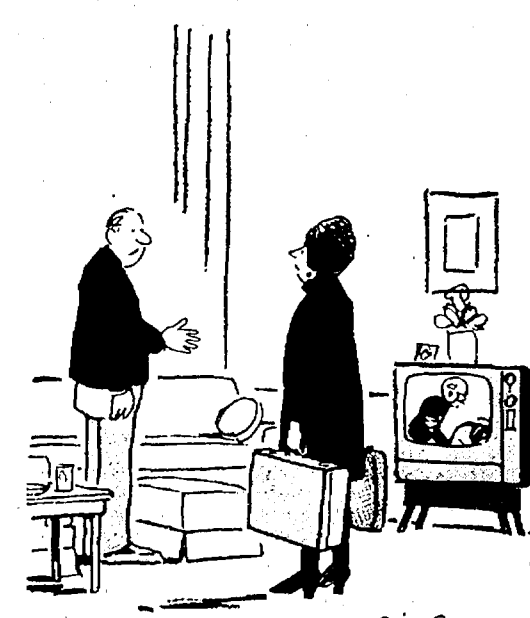
MUSICAL PROGRAM

— 81 Years Ago —
A number of fine literary and musical numbers were on the program at the Crescent society meeting. Miss Ida Ross, Miss Stella Harwood and R. Gates Rice sang vocal solos. A debate on the question, "Should pupils be furnished with textbooks at public expense?" was won by the affirmatives, Miss Cora Kissinger and Miss Maude Cooper. On the negative side were Miss Bessie Donaldson and Miss Rose Springsteen.

Judge Appointed

LANSING Mich. (AP)—Gov. William Milliken has appointed Norman K. Marsh of Ontonagon as probate judge for Ontonagon County effective Feb. 8 and expiring Jan. 1, 1975.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Far cryin' out loud, Helen—why couldn't you leave me during HALF TIME?"

Bruce Biossat

There Is No
Escape Route

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Any veteran observer has to be both amused and puzzled at the awesome earnestness of some studies made of the "blue collar blues" and other alleged work unhappiness by sociologists and others.

Now and then these probes give their inquiries the air of great "voyages of discovery." They tell us that work on the factory assembly line or at the clerk's desk in a large commercial operation is dull, repetitive, uninspiring.

The truth, of course, is that the repetitive task has been an inherent feature of mass production industrial society from excitement in his labors, the "blue collar blues" must surely have begun with the making of the elder Henry Ford's celebrated "Tin Lizzy."

Nobody has yet come up with any profound solution to the problem. Probably the "team activities" and the shuffling assignments being tried in some factories, mostly in Europe, are not much more than palliatives.

We are not, after all, moving toward the handicrafting of automobiles, or radios, or television sets, or refrigerators. The lowered costs which make these and countless other things available to more and more people obviously stem from the repetitive simplicity of mass production techniques.

Automation eliminates a lot

of this work. Yet there is nothing particularly thrilling, either, about monitoring automated machinery, however much responsibility it may entail. The computer has carried this process to incredible lengths, as I learned in a recent talk with an industrialist. A teletyped order, transmitted to a factory from a distant city, can produce a machine part to very exact specifications without a human hand ever getting involved. But this marvel is not touching off spasms of joy among the factory's workers.

Where does the answer lie? Clearly, from the start, escape has been one avenue. Any survey of America in this century discloses quickly the large role played by what some call "escape entertainment"—the movies, the viewing of sports, the gambling arenas, and, more recently, television and restless travel.

As some of the studies note, workers have determinedly acted over the years to increase their "escape time," demanding more paid holidays, longer vacations, more time off during job hours, etc. To the extent that the basic problem is seen as an "assembly line phenomenon," the shifting nature of work in this society is also affecting the issue. Manufacturing jobs are a constantly diminishing proportion of the total U.S. work force. The big growth is in service and government jobs.

Marianne Means

Brock Lays Plans
For White House

WASHINGTON — Tennessee Sen. William Brock's election last week to head the Senate GOP Campaign Committee was a far more significant event than it might seem.

It demonstrated that Senate Republicans are still dominated by the conservatives, despite President Nixon's efforts to move his party to the middle. To win the post, Brock put together a conservative coalition that handily defeated his liberal opponent, Massachusetts Sen. Edward Brooke.

It also took the ambitious Brock on his first visible step toward a 1976 Presidential campaign. Brock was elected to the Senate a mere two-years ago, but already he has told friends he intends to seek the Presidential nomination.

As Senate Campaign Committee Chairman, he has a platform from which to travel about the country, raising funds for his colleagues and in the process gaining exposure and friends for himself. Barry Goldwater used the post in that fashion in 1962 to lay the foundation for his successful

bid for the 1964 GOP nomination.

For months, Brock, 42, has been quietly planting his own Tennessee Mafia in strategic positions helpful to a Presidential candidacy.

Brock and his 1970 Senate campaign manager, Kenneth Reitz, worked out a strategy to appeal to youth for President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign. The President bought their plan, despite the prevailing belief at the time that the youth vote would go heavily to Sen. George McGovern. Brock became chairman of this youth effort, and Reitz executive director. (The President actually won approximately half the youth vote, due in some measure to the efforts of Brock and Reitz.)

After the election, Brock tried to maneuver Reitz into the job of Republican National Committee Chairman. President Nixon, however, had decided even before he notified chairman Robert Doel he was out that United Nations Ambassador George Bush was the man for that job. Reitz wound up as an inaugural committee official instead.

Brock also placed another associate, Nat Winston, on the inaugural committee. Winston plans to seek the Tennessee governorship in 1974, and has a pledge of support from Brock.

Brock also has a man inside the White House. He is William Timmons, the President's chief Congressional liaison. Before joining the White House, Timmons served as administrative assistant to Brock while Brock was a Congressman. Timmons and Brock also attended prep school together and are the best of friends.

Boy's Parents
Get \$60,000

DETROIT (AP) — The parents of a 9-year-old boy who died when a concrete bear at a playground toppled on him have been awarded \$60,000 by the city's Common Council.

The accident happened in 1968 when the boy, Gary Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Branton Smith, fell under the bear while it was being rocked back and forth by other youths. The suit, filed in 1970, originally asked \$750,000.

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Lincoln Sets Hearing On Water Plan

Cost To 2,292 Owners
Will Be \$800 Each

BY CURT BARTON
Staff Writer

Notices are to be mailed today to the owners of 2,292 pieces of property in Lincoln township advising them of a public hearing on a township water extension plan that will cost them each \$800.

Mailing the notices was approved by the township board last night. The meeting is to be held Jan. 23, beginning at 7 p.m. in the township hall.

Involved is the board's plan to finance a \$2.4 million water distribution plan by the creation of a special assessment district. The district would consist of the 2,292 pieces of property.

Included would be all major housing development areas east of Ridge road and north of Johnson road. Summer Estates, west of Ridge road, would also be included. The village of Stevensville would not be.

The Jan. 23 session will be a hearing of necessity, at which the board will hear objections to its plan. The signed objections of the owners of 20 per cent of the land, presented at or before the meeting, could veto the plan.

A second hearing, not yet scheduled, will be held to discuss the boundaries of the proposed assessment district.

The \$800 assessment is to be charged against each piece of property benefited by the proposed water system, regardless of its size or whether its owner decides to hook up, according to township officials.

Property owners would be allowed to finance the \$800 on their tax bills for 15 years, at 6 per cent interest. There would be an additional hook-up fee.

Property already adjacent to water lines will not be part of the new district, and will not be assessed the \$800. Owners of such property have had the option, since 1971, of paying an \$800 benefit charge if they wanted water.

That arrangement will continue, at least temporarily, officials said.

In other action, the board approved a contract with the Berrien county board of public works to sell bonds for the construction of the proposed system.

In a move which could result in construction of two sewer lines down Maiden lane, one on the Lincoln township side and one on the St. Joseph township side of that boundary road, the board voted to have Barger Engineering, St. Joseph, prepare plans for a possible construction permit for a Maiden lane line in Lincoln township.

Present plans for sewer construction in the two townships call for one line on Maiden Lane, a lateral off the townships' joint Hickory Creek line. The lateral would serve the Bendix plant and a proposed 296-unit, \$3.5 million apartment development, both in Lincoln township.

Plans call, however, for the line to be built on the St. Joseph township side of the road.

Lincoln township officials have charged that the other township is deliberately stalling on the Maiden lane line and holding up service to Bendix and the construction of the apartments to force Lincoln into a settlement of an old dispute about the costs of installing the townships' joint water mains. Last night's move was taken to provide an alternative to depending on St. Joseph township for sewer service on Maiden lane, according to Ernest Hauch, Lincoln supervisor.

"If it (the Maiden lane line) is to be done by St. Joseph township, it might take a couple of years," Hauch said. "We feel it is urgent to provide service to Bendix."

Hauch said last night's action on a possible construction permit did not mean Lincoln would necessarily follow through on building its own Maiden lane line.

The action was taken so as "not to get caught with our permits down," according to Trustee Maurice Jones.

Hauch said the construction of a Maiden lane line would cost the township \$88,000. The board did not approve a proposed "operating agreement" to govern the operation of the two townships' joint sewer and water systems through the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewer Treatment authority.

Trustee Donald Chapman, the board's representative to the authority, recommended that the proposal not be approved. He said it was unclear on the funding of the operation and on insurance provisions.

The board voted to enact a comprehensive sign control measure prepared by the township planning board. The measure was adopted as an amendment to the zoning ordinance.

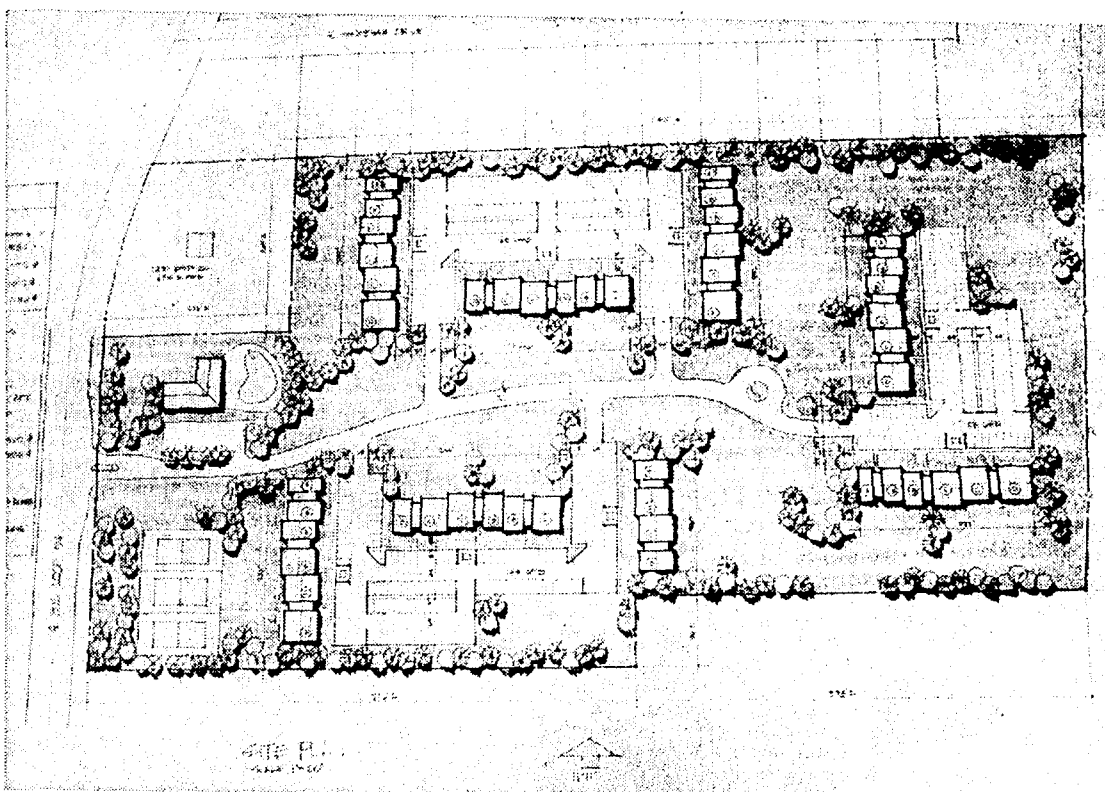
Lester White, Alvin Ott and Arthur Kubath were reappointed to the board of review.



AMERICAN HOMESTEAD PRESENTATION: Architect Ray Cato, Jr., of Kalamazoo, answers questions at information-type meeting at St. Joseph township hall

Tuesday, sponsored by St. Joseph Township Planning Commission. Seated in middle foreground is Richard Tuinstra, vice president of American

Homestead, developer of proposed apartment complex, and in far background, Ernest Knauf, chairman of planning commission. (Staff photos)



GARDEN APARTMENTS: American Homestead Corp. of Kalamazoo presented this plot plan for 276-unit apartment complex at an information meeting of St. Joseph township planning commission. Architect Ray

Cato Jr., Kalamazoo, said less than 10 per cent of the ground would be covered by buildings. Site contains 19.9 acres and is located just south of Shoreham drive on the southern edge of Shoreham.

SJ Township Apartment Hearing Set

Public hearing on the proposed \$3.8 million, 276-unit St. Joseph township apartment complex, 3385 South Lake Shore drive, Shoreham, is tentatively set for Tuesday, Feb. 20.

St. Joseph Township Planning commission Chairman Ernest Knauf announced the formal hearing date following an information meeting Tuesday night in the St. Joseph Township hall, 146 West Napier avenue, Fairplain.

William J. Gibbs, Jr., of 3388 South Lakeshore, Shoreham, who said he lives across the street from the proposed apartment site, filed a petition containing 381 signatures opposing the development. He said this included copies of 316 signatures filed with the Shoreham village council Jan. 3 plus 65 more names collected in St. Joseph township outside Shoreham.

Gibbs said the signatures were collected during the Christmas holiday season, a time, he said, not conducive to getting petitions signed.

An audience of 32 persons, mostly Shoreham residents but including real estate men, developers and township planning commission members, heard officials of American Homestead Corp. of

Kalamazoo, detail specifics of the project that includes 30 efficiency, 108 one bedroom and 108 two-bedroom apartments and 30 three bedroom apartments.

The meeting was announced as an information exchange. Most of the questions on the impact of the proposal centered on traffic congestion on Lake Shore drive; density of living units; the number of apartment complexes projected for the immediate area, waste disposal facilities and the effect on adjoining single family residences.

Richard Tuinstra, vice president of American Homestead Corp., and Architect Ray Cato, Jr., of Kalamazoo, answered questions and critics with the theme that the rent range, \$165 to \$280 per month, would draw responsible tenants, that the density of apartments, an average of 13.9 per acre was well within multiple (R-5) zoning regulations.

Landscape screening will shield single family residences on Shoreham drive from the apartments, Cato predicted. Cato said less than ten per cent of the site will be covered. Buildings will take up 82,329 square feet of 862,276 square feet available.

New Ambulance Company Begins Operations Here

A new Twin City area ambulance service began yesterday when Rampart Emergency Ambulance service started full-time operation.

Located at 2204 South M-139, Benton township, next to Tile Mart, the service currently has only one ambulance. But, according to James Geigle, 29, another G.M.C. van is now being prepared by a Tulsa,

Oklahoma, company and will be delivered within 20 days.

Geigle stressed that he, his two partners Dennis Leavitt and Ken Webster, and five others, will soon be manning both ambulances on a 24-hour-a-day basis.

Rampart will be in competition with Action Ambulance, based in Benton Harbor and operating here since 1965. Action receives

subsidies from various governmental units in north Berrien county.

Geigle, Leavitt and Webster all worked for Action Ambulance prior to deciding to go on their own. Geigle said the three decided to form their own service because they believed Action needed some competition.

"Residents of this county need a choice in services," Geigle said. "People have choices in everything else, why not this?"

The three partners, and their employees, are licensed for their jobs by the Michigan Department of Health. Their ambulance has also passed inspection by the MDH.

Geigle has 12 years experience with ambulance services; Leavitt has two, and Webster has nine months.

Webster said the service will not seek local government subsidies to continue operation for about a year, or "until we've proven ourselves." But he added that subsidies eventually must be obtained for any ambulance service to stay in business.

Geigle indicated Rampart is willing to go anywhere in the county, and fully cooperating with any agency or individual requiring their services. Rampart will require a permit to pick up patients inside the city of Benton Harbor which is believed to be the only Berrien county municipality to require a local license.

Rampart's telephone number is 925-0038.

BH Resident Bound To Circuit Court

SOUTH HAVEN — Stewart Fuller, 29, of 846 Superior street, Benton Harbor, was bound over to Van Buren circuit court yesterday following a preliminary hearing in district court on a charge of uttering and publishing a bad check.

Fuller was arrested after a check was cashed at a Covert bank. South Haven police said the check had been reported stolen in a theft last summer.

Fuller was being held in the Van Buren county jail pending posting of \$5,000 bond.

SJ Ninth Grade Parents Invited To Orientation

Parents of ninth grade pupils at Milton and Upton Junior High schools, St. Joseph, are invited to a meeting in St. Joseph High school 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

This is the annual parents night when High School Principal James Heathcote and Assistant Principal George Waning will give a brief orientation concerning the transition from junior to senior high school.

After the orientation talk there will be small group meetings, conducted by

counselors, in classrooms adjacent to the senior high school auditorium.

Questions and answers regarding the high school curriculum will be answered.

Heathcote said the plan to have small group meetings has been developed to encourage parents to ask questions so they will be fully acquainted with high school programs to be taken by their sons and daughters.

Michigan Town Gabbiest In U.S.

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — Human beings are a minority in Southfield, the phone-iest town in the 50 states. The affluent Detroit suburb has 71,000 people, but they talk on 84,592 telephones, according to American Telephone & Telegraph's 1972 edition of "The World's Telephones."

Even though Southfield folk are apparently the gabbiest in the 50 states — with 118.6 phones for every 100 people — the District of Columbia has 123 phones for every 100 people.

Southfield and the nation's capital are the only cities in the world where telephones outnumber people, the company said.



READY RESCUERS: Ken Webster (left) and Jim Geigle display their 1973 G.M.C. specially-modified van ambulance based at 2204 South M-139, Benton township. The two, along with Dennis Leavitt, yesterday be-

gan operating new ambulance service, Rampart Emergency Ambulance. The business soon will have two ambulances on 24-hour call, serving all of Berrien county. (Staff Photo)

Suit Could Salvage Something For Stockholders

BY JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

A director of the Southwestern Michigan Football Club, Inc., today explained why the Berrien county circuit court has been asked to call an annual meeting of the club's stockholders. The club operated the Michigan Hawks, a semi-pro team in the Midwest Football league.

Louis Desenberg, a Buchanan attorney and club director, said two unsuccessful attempts have been made in the past four years to hold an annual meeting, but that a quorum, by

attendance and proxy, could not be achieved.

A new Michigan Business Corporations act passed in 1972 makes provision for organizations in just such a situation to petition the court to call an annual meeting, at which just one stockholder can constitute a quorum to conduct business, Desenberg said.

The club's franchise in the Midwest league will expire in 1973, and Desenberg said it is imperative that the club take some action to either field a team or sell the franchise.

He said there is an effort underway to try to field a team

this year, and that some \$5,000 has been pledged to that end. It would require about \$25,000 to \$30,000 to field the team for the season. The club's Michiana Hawks did not play last year.

If a team cannot be fielded this year, the franchise has some value and should be sold to salvage something for stockholders, Desenberg stated. He added that he knows of no offers for the franchise at this time.

According to Desenberg, there are in excess of 5,000 shares

of stock outstanding, held by approximately 400 persons. He pointed out the club was formed originally in the Twin Cities and that a large number of shares are held by persons in the two towns. After the club moved to Buchanan and did not particularly flourish, many of these stockholders have lost interest in the club, he said.

The board of directors, consisting now of Buchanan and Niles residents chiefly, authorized the court petition. Vice President Arthur Funk of Buchanan signed the petition "as the most convenient officer," Desenberg stated.

Van Buren To Use Cash For Building Revenue Sharing To Boost Welfare, Health

BY STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren county commissioners have tentatively decided how they intend to spend some \$305,000 in 1972 federal revenue sharing funds.

In a meeting here at the courthouse yesterday, the board, in a public session following a secret meeting, allocated much of the federal funds, about \$230,179, to a public improvement fund.

That fund was later more precisely identified as money to finance a combined building for the welfare and health departments.

OTHER PUBLIC PROJECTS

Other tentative expenditures of the funds are to be for courthouse office equipment, \$16,000; for updating a county employee insurance and pension plan, \$20,000; for an assistant for the county prosecutor, \$12,000; to remodel the county juvenile home, \$3,000; for the courthouse and grounds, \$2,000; and for the county library system, \$4,000.

The \$4,000 for the library system goes back to the county general fund. The board in December voted to spend a similar amount to cover county library bills for 1972.

The tentative spending plans can be revised and adjusted in the next 17 months, according to Commissioner William Taft of South Haven.

The federal spending plan was adopted by the nine-man board by a vote of 6-2, with one man abstaining.

TWO COMMISSIONERS VOTE NO

Commissioners Walter Stickels of Bangor and Boyd Estes of Harford voted no, and George Fritz of Bloomingdale abstained.

Voting yes were Commissioners Taft of South Haven; Leonard Markstrom, South Haven township; Waldo Dick, Lawrence; Gerald Rendel, Gobles; Lloyd Martin, Lawton; and Donald Hanson, Hamilton township.

Before the public session, the county board met with county building authority members Jonathon Woodman of Paw Paw and A. A. (Eddie) Smith of South Haven, and county welfare director Charles Higgins.

Later, Board Chairman Hanson said the private meeting was necessary to allow commissioners to express opinions on uses of the federal funds.

Hanson said the building authority has been ordered to study the cost of a building for the welfare and health departments and to have a progress report when commissioners meet again on Feb. 13.

TAXPAYERS WERE OPPOSED

Voters, in 1968, decisively defeated a property tax proposal for just such a building.

In other action Tuesday, the commissioners: Authorized the county prosecutor to appoint a law clerk and or an assistant. County Prosecutor William Buhl announced the hiring of an assistant in late December.

Rendel said the prosecutor had been promised by some members of the old board that funds would be made available if another federal program did not provide funds.

The resolution still drew a no vote from Estes, and abstentions from Markstrom and Stickels.

The board also adopted a resolution praising county commissioners of 1970-1972 who are no longer on the board.

They tabled until their next meeting, a revision of the articles of the building authority.

More Aluminum In New Autos

DETROIT (AP) — The Aluminum Co. of America (Alcoa) estimates 20 million pounds of aluminum will be sent to automakers this year for automobile bumpers.

The shipments are a "precursor of things to come," said the company, predicting larger amounts of the metal will be used in cars. The firm said an average of 80 pounds of aluminum are used in each of the 1973 cars, up 2½ pounds from 1972.



NEW CASS COMMISSION: The new Cass county board of commissioners, now only 11 members, met for the first time yesterday. Members are, seated from left,

Lee W. Dodd, Mrs. Blanche Trout, Kenneth E. Fox, Mrs. Ruth L. Sarabyn, and Dean Bussler; standing from left, Carl D. Higley, Robert W. Powers, Charles

W. Sarabyn, Johnie A. Rodebush, Daniel O. Holdeman and Chairman Jimmie Reynolds Jr. (Norma Lerner photo)

Who Should Serve Animal Warrants?

Old Fight Dogs Cass Board

CASSOPOLIS — The problem of whether the sheriff's department or the county animal welfare officer is responsible for serving warrants on residents charged with dog violations continued to plague the Cass county board of commissioners yesterday.

It surfaced five months ago for the former 21-member board.

And it was back again as the new 11-member board met for the first time.

The board elected Jimmie Reynolds of Edwardsburg, 11th district commissioner, as chairman; Johnie Rodebush, Niles, ninth district, vice chairman, and made committee assignments for the year. But the most extended discussion concerned animal welfare policy and officer Steve Toth.

The question of responsibility for serving warrants first arose when the commission gave Toth 40 days to serve outstanding warrants. Toth refused, claiming it was an added burden to his job and also that service of warrants is the responsibility of the sheriff's department.

In September, however, Toth served the warrants, upon order of the board, but received \$188 in overtime wages.

The animal welfare officer, an employee of the commission, works out of the sheriff's office. He is not an authorized deputy sheriff.

Commissioner Dean Bussler of Dowagiac, chairman of the county affairs committee which includes the sheriff's department, said Sheriff James Northrop is willing to take full jurisdiction over the program. Commissioners Blanche Trout of Union, Rodebush and Carl Higley Sr. of Edwardsburg opposed that

idea. Reynolds said Toth's driving record has caused the county insurance rates to go "sky high" and added that while Toth served the warrants, after twice being directed to do so by the board, he did it at the expense of the rest of his job.

Commissioner Robert Powers of Marcellus defended Toth, saying he had done a good job.

The issue matter was referred to the prosecuting attorney and county affairs

committee for study and recommendation. An investigation was asked about the possibility of changing the dog control ordinance to allow the animal welfare officer to serve warrants without being deputized.

In other business, the commission:

— Referred to the finance committee a request from the road commission for \$90,000 of federal revenue sharing funds received by the county for local road construction and main-

tenance; — Tabled a motion by Bussler that the board reaffirm its appointment of Robert Auser of rural Dowagiac to the road commission pending further legal action;

— Referred to the finance committee a request for \$17,600 from revenue sharing money by Kathleen McCleave, project director for the Cass county council on aging, who said the funds would be used to renovate the old village hall in Vandalia for a senior citizens

center, for transportation of senior citizens, and for health, recreation and social services for the elderly and poor;

— Reported that three persons will be interviewed for equalization director to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation in November of Bernard Richard;

— Authorized Mrs. Sally Foust, register of deeds, to hire a microfilming clerk at a salary of \$5,500, and Clerk Kenneth Poe to hire Lois Miller for his staff at a salary of \$5,900 annually;

— Referred to the road commission a complaint from Mrs. Murray Campbell, owner of Bittersweet Horse Farm, Yankee street, about snowmobilers using the street;

— And adopted 34 rules of procedure, approved committee appointments and accepted three bids. T. H. Publishing company was low bidder for publishing county board minutes, \$14.45 per journal page, the Cassopolis Vigilant was low bidder, \$460, for printing of 2,000 copies of the 1973 county directory, and Krystal Klear was low bidder, \$175, on a water softener for the register of deeds office.

Committees and chairmen are:

Finance — Higley, chairman; Rodebush, Sarabyn, Mrs. Trout;

County Affairs — Powers, chairman; Kenneth Fox, Lee Dodd;

County Services — Bussler, chairman; Mrs. Ruth Sarabyn, Holdeman;

Special building committee for courthouse — Sarabyn, chairman; Powers, Rodebush, Bussler;

Michiana Council of Governments — Powers, county representative. Higley was appointed parliamentarian for 1973.

Lawrence Voters Will Ballot On Liquor By The Glass

LAWRENCE — Residents of Lawrence will vote March 12 on whether to legalize sale of liquor by the glass at licensed establishments in the village.

Village council last night approved placing the issue on the ballot following a report by Mrs. Laureale Duncan, village clerk, that petitions asking for a vote contained sufficient signatures of registered voters.

Twice before in the last six years, village voters have defeated liquor-by-the-glass proposals. The proposal lost by a four-vote margin in 1971, 85-89.

The council also scheduled a special meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 16, with the planning commission over land use proposals for the village developed by Vilcan-Leman & Associates, Inc., Southfield planning consultants.

Purchase of a two horsepower motor to give the village a backup capability for a lift station on north Paw Paw street also was approved.

Village President M.J. Conklin reported that \$7,996 had been received for the last six months of 1972 under the federal revenue sharing program and also that the village's employees had received numerous compliments for efficient snow removal.

Seek Better Wages, Fringe Benefits

Van Buren Deputies Vote To Join Union

BY STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren sheriff's deputies voted by a narrow margin here Tuesday to align themselves with Local 214 of the state, county and municipal workers of the teamsters union.

The vote was 13 yes to 11 no, according to Earl R. Wood, a state department of labor official who supervised the election held at the jail.

Several deputies who

previously commented on the unionization efforts said they are after better wages, and fringe benefits, including longevity pay and a bigger county contribution to hospitalization insurance.

Sheriff Richard Stump, asked to comment on the election, described it as "one of those things. Now they (deputies) must deal with the board."

"But now they are going to see how many are going to join

the union," Stump added.

What effect the unionization will have is not immediately clear.

The deputies will bargain with the county board of commissioners for wages and fringes, but the sheriff will retain the constitutionally-protected authority to fire and hire his own men, according to Sheldon Rupert, a Paw Paw attorney engaged by the county board to represent the county.

The election has apparently

taken its toll within the department in terms of friction it has generated.

Two deputies, Ronald Maxam and Jack Blalock have been suspended, as of Monday night, Stump confirmed.

Directly, they were suspended when they failed to note on their daily reports that they stopped at another deputy's house on three occasions.

A union meeting was in progress at the deputy's home.

Stump added, however, that the suspensions for a yet indefinite time, were the indirect result of an "accumulation" of errors, including failure to make out complaint reports.

Stump said had the deputies reported where they had been they probably would have been "chewed out," but the "deliberate" failure to note the stops on their daily reports brought the suspension.

The election results also apparently triggered an

angry confrontation between some deputies and the sheriff at the jail.

In tones that could be heard in the jail lobby, there were charges and counter charges of intimidation to influence the outcome of the election.

But after the brief flareup, deputies involved gathered up their gear to begin their assigned duties.

And the sheriff, apparently unruffled, calmly talked of the election and the suspensions.



SHERIFF STUMP
Confirms suspensions

FLOOD THREAT EASES
MONROE, Mich. (AP) — A flood threat along Monroe County's Raisin River eased Tuesday, but officials said they were trying to break up an ice jam which could trigger more flood problems.